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Closure Begins on State Route 138

San Bernardino County – The construction project on State Route 138 continues and the first of two, full closures will begin on Monday, June 19, 2006 at 12:01 a.m. The route will be closed from State Route 2 west to Beekley Rd. and will remain closed until September 19, 2006. The full closure will allow the contractor to complete more work while ensuring the safety of the public and the workers.

Flagging will continue on open sections of SR-138 from SR-2 east to Mormon Rocks, Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and on Fridays from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Night work will take place on SR-138 from Beekley Rd. to Los Angeles County line Monday through Saturday from 8:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. Minor delays are expected during the traffic control.

The \$44 million project will make a number of improvements as follows:

- > Construct east and westbound truck climbing lanes
- > Rehabilitate pavement
- Widen shoulders to eight feet
- > Realign curve west of Lone Pine Canyon

The second closure of the route is expected to take place in summer 2007 with the dates to be determined. Detours for the closures are as follows:

- ➤ 2006 summer detour: SR-138 from SR-2 to Beekley Rd. closure use SR-138 east to I-15 north to US 395 north. Then go west on SR-18 back to SR-138.
- ➤ <u>2007 summer detour</u>: SR-138 from SR-2 to Hess Rd. closure use SR-138 west to SR-18 east. Then go to US 395 south to I-15 to SR-138 west.

Motorists may sign up for updates on this project by emailing terri_kasinga@dot.ca.gov. For updates on other state highway work in Riverside and San Bernardino county, please go to our website at www.dot.ca.gov/dist8 and click on "Press Releases" or call (866) 383-4631.

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